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Response A

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004.

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of pending
Claims 1-6, which are being presented again without amendment.Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S.
Patent 6,297,197 (Fields *et al.*)The present invention is directed to 2-carboxylic acid derivatives and to 4-amino
derivatives of a compound of the formula